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Via ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication  
Petition of Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. for Designation as an Eligible  
Telecommunications Carrier, WC Docket No. 09-197**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 28, 2010, Madonna Peltier Yawakie and Mel Yawakie, of Turtle Island Communications, Inc. (TICOM), technical consultants to Standing Rock Telecommunications, Inc. (SRTI), met with the following Commission Staff via conference call: Lauren Kravetz, Consumer & Governmental Bureau, and Nicholas Degani, Wireline Competition Bureau.<sup>1</sup>

During the meeting, the SRTI consultants urged the Commission to expeditiously grant ETC Designation to SRTI, as vitally important to the financial viability of this first and only 100% tribally-owned wireless telecommunication company. SRTI is already operational and providing wireless services to this rural high cost service area.

Specifically, it was requested that the Commission expedite SRTI's ETC designation (even if an interim designation) for all of the wire centers which are contained wholly within the exterior boundaries of the Standing Rock Reservation. Those are the Ft. Yates, McLaughlin, and Selfridge wire centers. This request is consistent with the same request outlined in SRTI's Reply Comments filed in response to comments on SRTI's request for Redefinition of the Study Area. Such designation was further requested to be made by June 30, 2010.

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<sup>1</sup> This conversation is a follow up to the written *ex parte* communication of May 12, 2010 by SRTI counsel Doug Bonner, in which it was clarified that no redefinition was requested with regard to the Qwest wire centers as Qwest is not a rural telephone company subject to redefinition.

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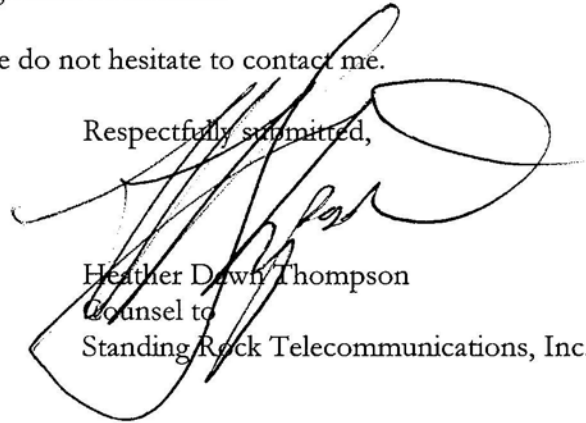
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Such expedited designation is consistent with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's obligations to serve the public interest within its reservation boundaries, and with existing FCC rules governing ETC designation for carriers serving high cost tribal areas.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather Dawn Thompson', is written over the typed name and title.

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Cc: Nick Degani  
Lauren Kravetz